

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A core splitter (~~10~~) comprises a ~~through~~ trough in which a core support (~~30~~) is carried. A cutting head (~~200~~) carries a rotary cutting tool (~~224~~) which is contained within a cowling. The trough contains a water bath (~~372~~) in which the core (~~360~~) is located below the water level so that the cutting operation take place in the water. A settling tank (~~140~~) is provided at one end of the trough so that any cuttings are moved to the settling tank (~~140~~). During the cutting operation, the core is mounted in a core carrier, which is supported by the core support.